



STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

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DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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Notice of Proposed Action

November 2, 2007

The Administrator, Division of Environmental Protection, Carson City, Nevada is issuing the following notice of proposed action under the Nevada Revised Statutes. The Administrator has received an application for renewal of groundwater discharge permit # NEV90009 from the following applicant:

Nevada Department of Corrections
P.O. Box 7011
Carson City, NV 89702

The Nevada Department of Corrections operates the Tonopah Conservation Camp (TCC), which is located approximately 6.9 miles north of the junction of US-6 and SR-376 in Big Smoky Valley, Nye County, Nevada. TCC is a minimum-security men's conservation camp with a population of 150 inmates. The facility operates two 10,000-gallon capacity septic tanks, in series, to provide primary (settling) treatment of the camp's domestic (sanitary) wastewater flow. The treated septic tank effluent is discharged to groundwater of the State via subsurface percolation in the camp's leachfields. The permitted (maximum) treatment capacity of this facility is 22,250 gallons of wastewater per day. The Division has made the tentative determination to issue (renew) the proposed discharge permit for a period of five (5) years.

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed determinations by the Division, or request a hearing pursuant to the Nevada Administrative Code-Water Pollution Control, should submit their comments or requests, in writing, within thirty (30) days of the date of newspaper publication, closing at 5:00 P.M. on December 10, 2007, either in person or by mail to:

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Water Pollution Control
901 South Stewart Street, Suite 4001
Carson City, Nevada 89701

The request must be received within the 30-day comment period and must indicate the interest of the person filing the request and the reasons why a hearing is warranted. All comments or objections received by 5:00 PM on December 10, 2007 will be considered in the formulation of final determination regarding the application. If written comments indicate a significant degree of public interest in the proposed permit, the Administrator shall hold a public hearing. Public notice of

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such hearing will be issued not less than thirty (30) days prior to the hearing date.

If a hearing is not held and the determination of the Administrator is substantially changed from the tentative determination, the Administrator will give public notice of the revised determination. Additional comments and objections will be considered at that time.

The application, proposed permit, comments received, and other information are on file and may be copied, or copies may be obtained by writing to the above address or by contacting Jim Hogan at the Bureau of Water Pollution Control at 775.687.9434; facsimile: 775.687.4684; or email: jhogan@ndep.nv.gov. This notice and the Fact Sheet for this facility are also available on the NDEP website at www.ndep.nv.gov/admin/public.htm.

Please bring the foregoing notice to the attention of all persons whom you know would be interested in this matter.